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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL CHANGES AT WOJEWODZTWO LEVEL

1. AS THE DEPARTMENT HAS UNDOUBTEDLY NOTICED IN FBIS REPORTS, PERSONNEL CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SWEEPING REORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AND PARTY STRUCTURE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN. THIS WEEK WOJEWODZTWO PARTY CONFERENCES REPLACED FIVE WOJEWODZTWO FIRST SECRETARIES, ALL OF WHOM, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, WILL "PASS TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PZPR". A NORMALLY RELIABLE JOURNALISTIC SOURCE TOLD US THAT 7 OF THE 18 WOJEWODZTWO FIRST SECRETARIES WILL BE REMOVED. THE SOURCE SAID THAT SOME WILL GET GOOD PARTY OR GOVERNMENTAL JOBS AT THE CENTER AND SOME WILL BE DOWNGRADED. OTHER PRESS SOURCES HAVE SAID THERE WILL ALSO BE SEVERAL MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

2. OF THE FIRST SECRETARIES ALREADY REMOVED, ONE HAS ALREADY BEEN APPOINTED TO A POLITICAL POSITION WHICH APPEARS TO BE A SOLID PROMOTION. ZDZISLAW KUROWSKI, WHO HAD BEEN FIRST SECRETARY IN BIALYSTOK, WAS CHOSEN CHAIRMAN OF THE MAIN COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION OF SOCIALIST UNIONS OF POLISH YOUTH, THE TOP YOUTH ORGANIZATION JOB.

3. OUR PRESS SOURCES SAY THAT OUTGOING KRAKOW FIRST SECRETARY JOZEF KLASA IS BEING OUSTED BECAUSE HE WAS CLOSE TO

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TARY JOZEF KLASA IS BEING OUSTED BECAUSE HE WAS CLOSE TO

SZLACHCIC; HE WILL NOT BE GIVEN ANOTHER HIGH-LEVEL PARTY POSITION. EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS CAN BE FOUND IN KLASA'S FAILURE TO BE APPOINTED TO THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE 7TH PARTY CONGRESS, THE COMPOSITION OF WHICH WAS CARRIED IN THE PRESS ON MAY 14. IT IS REMOURED THAT KLASA WILL BE APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO. THE ONLY OTHER OF THE 18 THEN-REIGNING WOJEWODZTWO FIRST SECRETARIES WHO ALSO FAILED TO MAKE THE LIST WAS LUBLIN FIRST SECRETARY PIOTR KARPIUK, ALSO SINCE REMOVED. WE DO NOT YET HAVE ANY REPORTS ON KARPIUK'S FUTURE.

4. OUR SOURCES TELL US THAT TWO OF THE REMOVED FIRST SECRETARIES WILL TAKE OVER MINISTRIES. FORMER GDANSK FIRST SECRETARY TADEUSZ BEJM IS A RUMORED CANDIDATE FOR THE NEW MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION, LOCAL ECONOMY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. FORMER RZESZOW FIRST SECRETARY JERZY GAWRYSIAK IS SAID TO BE IN LINE TO REPLACE EDWARD SZNAJDER AS MINISTER OF DOMESTIC TRADE AND SERVICES. IT IS SAID THAT SZNAJDER IS BEING HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHORTAGES AND DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE PLAGUED THE DOMESTIC TRADE AND SERVICE SCENE, INCLUDING THE MEAT SHORTAGES. WE NOTE THAT SZNAJDER IS A CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUT WAS ONE OF THE MINISTERS WHO WAS NOT SELECTED TO THE 7TH CONGRESS PREPARATORY COMMISSION.

5. A HIGHER-LEVEL PERSONNEL CHANGE WHICH SOME SOURCES SAY WILL TAKE PLACE SOON MAY BE THAT OF BRINGING KATOWICE FIRST SECRETARY ZDZISLAW GRUDZIEN INTO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT AND POLITBIRUO.

6. WE EXPECT THE NEXT WEEKS AND MONTHS TO PRODUCE A RASH OF PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES AT THE WOJEWODZTWO LEVEL IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE REFORM, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THE SEJM WILL ACT UPON ON MAY 28. MANY OF THESE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THE SCOPE OF THE PERSONNEL CHANGES AT LOWER LEVELS WILL PROBABLY BE STAGGERING. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE, JAROSZEWCZ IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT 250,000 PEOPLE WILL BE DISPLACED BY THE REFORM. 120,000 OF THESE WOULD BE PARTY WORKERS, OF WHOM 50,000 WOULD BE RETIRED. SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT OVER 100,000 GOVERNMENTAL WORKERS WOULD BE INVOLVED.

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